



SPECIES

Phoenix roebelinii

COMMON NAME

Dwarf Date Palm

ORIGIN

native to the tropical forests of Southeast Asia, in particular Thailand and Myanmar.

DESIGN USE

Suited to formal use in smaller human scale landscapes as an accent, avenue palm, or container specimen. Allow adequate clearance near pathways to avoid contact with the spiny leaf bases. Trunks will lean and bend gracefully to reach more sun, which can be used to artful effect in informal close group plantings.



HEIGHT

1.5-3m

SPREAD

1.5-2.5m

HABIT

Slender, single-trunked feather palm



FORM

Slender, to 8cm near the base above a small collar of aerial roots, up to 15cm at the base of the crown. The lower trunk is intriguingly decorated with the woody projections of persistent leaf bases. Arching fine feathery fronds with many narrow glossy dark green leaflets. As in all Phoenix, the lowest leaflets are reduced to acanthophylls (needle like spines)

FLOWERS

Cream, in axillary bunches within crown

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Occurs naturally in riverine forest, and tolerates more shade rather than other Phoenix, performing adequately in bright interiors. In the humid tropics it grows quickly in full sun or part shade in moist fertile well-drained soils. In hot arid areas partial shade is recommended.



REFERENCES

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